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## Europe's Future Hangs On White House Meeting Today

### Collapse Kills Six People

Naples, Sept. 28.—Six people were killed and eight injured when part of a building collapsed in Bag-noli, near here, early today. According to Rome Radio tonight, the people were killed when one wing of the four-storey building collapsed. Later the whole building collapsed.—Reuter.

### FASCISTS DRESS UP

London, Sept. 28.—The police closed a meeting of the alleged pro-Fascist "British League of Ex-Servicemen and Women" in London's East End tonight after a 90-minute shouting match between opposing factions. A crowd of some 2,000 people, which jammed the pavement, dispersed by mounted policemen. Two men were arrested by the police and charged under the Public Order Act. After the police had closed the meeting, the principal speaker and political director of the League, Edward Jeffrey Hamm, who was interned during the war under the Security Regulations, was escorted to a motor by a bodyguard as the people in the crowd shouted: "Hail Hamm" and chanted anti-Jewish songs.

**ALL IN BLACK**

The supporters of the League, several of whom wore black pull-overs, black suits and black ties, raised their hands in the Fascist salute. Today's meeting of the League—the latest in a series which have led to regular Sunday night clashes in the East End dock area which has a large Jewish population—was watched by senior officials of Scotland Yard and a group of Labour Members of Parliament, who are investigating Fascist and anti-Semitic activities in Britain. A Leftwing Member of Parliament, Mr. John Platt-Mills, who was present, said that a private committee of the Labour Members of Parliament were compiling a dossier on alleged Fascist activities and anti-Semitism for submission to the Home Secretary, Mr. Chuter Ede. "We will face big disturbances in London if this sort of thing is not stopped," he declared.—Reuter.

**WASTE LESS CAMPAIGN**

4.—Will they pledge their complete support to the Government's "Waste Less" campaign so that the present export programme will not have to be slashed?

5.—Do they recognise the need for the restoration of some Government powers by legislative action to make sure that grain will be available for hungry countries if the voluntary campaign proves inadequate?

The meeting will be private. Mr. Marshall is expected to give the Congressmen a forecast of what might happen in countries such as France and Italy if American aid should fail. It is understood that he will also stress the weakening of his own position in the United Nations "battle" and of American influence in the European clash of ideologies if the United States should not fulfil what he considers the minimum international obligations. Mr. Lovett will present a tentative balance sheet for interim aid. "The total is believed to be something over \$500,000,000."

**EDITORIAL**

### High Service Charges

FOR two years Hongkong has been struggling to avoid inflation, with varying results. The spiral is slight when compared with conditions in chaotic China and prostrate Europe, and this can be attributed principally to an early institution of price controls on certain essential commodities, a rough and ready scale of HICL allowances, and strenuous endeavours to keep the Hongkong dollar stable. For 12 months this form of economy served its purpose, but since then the demand for goods and services has enormously increased due to the influx of an excess population, and too much idle capital. There are signs today that inflation is gaining a stronger grip in Hongkong, hitting especially hard at the average family wage earner. The official price index, inadequate in itself to give a true reflection of living costs, continues to rise, and the promise that in due course, when commodities became more freely available, prices would automatically find their correct level, has not been fulfilled. Rent, an important item in any budget, has been increased, and the wage earner's HICL allowance, although based on a so-called adaptable scale, continues to be insufficient to cover new demands on his purse. In his struggle for rehabilitation, the average family man watches with cynical wonder the balance sheets of trading com-

Washington, Sept. 28.—The eyes of the world will be on the White House at 3 o'clock on Monday afternoon when President Truman meets leaders of both Congressional parties to win their support for immediate and long-term programmes to aid Europe and for plans for a double battle against high domestic prices and overseas famine.

If the President fails to gain their co-operation in the demand for "immediate action," it is generally agreed here that Europe will almost inevitably move closer to disaster in shortages of dollar, food and fuel. The Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall, was tonight travelling from the United Nations General Assembly in New York to Washington to join Mr. Averell Harriman, the Secretary of Commerce, Mr. Clinton P. Anderson, Secretary of Agriculture, and Mr. Robert Lovett, Under-Secretary of State, at the President's side for the meeting.

While the balance sheet is not expected to take into account the British plight, it does place emphasis on the needs of France and Italy.

The President is said to have instructed Mr. Clinton Anderson to underline the fact that the "world food shortage is even worse than it was a year ago."—Reuter.

**PRESIDENT ACTIVE**

Washington, Sept. 28.—President Truman tomorrow meets a bipartisan top-level group of Congressional leaders to decide if the pressing problems of high prices at home and hunger abroad can be met without a special session of Congress.

The President is hopeful that the meeting will produce a formula that

**APPEAL TO MINERS**

London, Sept. 28.—Failure to increase production could bring about a "real crisis," declared Viscount Hall, First Lord of the Admiralty, in a warning to Welsh coal-miners today, when he was making one of a series of talks by Ministers intended to bring home to the public the seriousness of Britain's economic position.

"We are facing a grave crisis and nobody realises that more than the Government," he said.

"The loss of 2,000,000 tons of coal means the loss of £200,000,000 worth of wealth."

Like the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, he pointed out that 50,000,000 tons of coal exported would make a tremendous difference to Britain and Europe.

"The lack of production of essential commodities can bring about a real crisis, one which would injure the nation and particularly working class conditions."

**Jews' Protest Parade**

London, Sept. 28.—Escorted by mounted police, 200 Jews paraded London streets today from East End to Hyde Park to protest against the sending to Germany of the 4,350 "Exodus" Jewish illegal immigrants.

The procession, which included representatives of Zionist organisations in Britain, South Africa, Palestine and the United States, carried flags bearing the Star of David and banners saying: "Open the gates of Palestine to our people."

Other inscriptions protested against the "inhuman return of our brethren to the graveyard of Germany."

The meeting was addressed by the Labour Member of Parliament, Wing Commander Ernest Rogers Millington, who said that anti-Semitism was the greatest social danger in Britain.—Reuter.

### Monty Loses His Beret

Sandhurst, Sept. 28.—Officers at Britain's Sandhurst Military Academy were today trying to solve the mystery of the disappearance of the famous black beret of Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, while he was having lunch at the College. One report said that the beret had been discovered on the head of a stuffed lion after the Field Marshal had held up his departure for half an hour, but it was later learned that although the thief had left in its place a note with the words "The Lion Roars," the beret was actually tossed over the banisters from an upper floor after the search had gone on for only a few minutes.

Since all the officers were at lunch with Lord Montgomery, the guilty man is believed to be a cadet.

One officer said today that if the cadet was found, "he would be expelled so quickly his feet would not touch the ground."

The Field Marshal, however, is understood to have taken the incident in a sporting spirit.—Reuter.

### Ape-Men Found In S. Africa

London, Sept. 28.—Dr Robert Broom, South Africa's premier fossil-man hunter, reported in the current issue of the British scientific publication "Nature" that he had discovered a whole group of ape-men remains in the famed Sterkfontein Caves of South Africa.

### GRIM PICTURE

From the White House meeting is expected to come the first concrete indication whether Congress will have to be called into a special session to deal with Europe's emergency needs in the months just ahead.

President Truman will present in a warning to Welsh coal-miners today, when he was making one of a series of talks by Ministers intended to bring home to the public the seriousness of Britain's economic position.

In view of scattered criticism of the European programme drafted in Paris, it was recalled that General Marshall proposed a report of agricultural, industrial and manpower resources to be outlined by the countries seeking aid. As finally prepared, the Paris report skips lightly over the fields of what Europe is "going to do to help itself with such phrases as "encourage investigation of plan and examine the possibility of doing this or that," one official said. He added that the emphasis seemed to be on what was wanted from the United States.

Other officials expressed similar views, noting that there were still "bugs" in the draft request for outside aid over the next four years.—United Press.

### Police Guard For HK Bank Gold

Shannon Airport, Eire, Sept. 28.—Millions of dollars worth of gold lay here under a heavy police guard for 18 hours today when the Pan-American clipper "Winged Arrow" on route from New York to Calcutta, was held up by mechanical trouble.

More than half a ton of the gold is consigned to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

The rest consists of nearly 60 pounds weight of gold bars for the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China.—Reuter.

### Missing Girl Found

Beacon, New York, Sept. 28.—A 22-day search for Miss Yvonne Gascoigne, 28, daughter of Britain's political representative in Tokyo, who has been missing from a private sanatorium since Sept. 4 ended on Friday night when she was found wandering in a woodland here.

Police sergeant William FitzGibbons said Miss Gascoigne was barefooted and in a weakened condition. She was quoted by the police as saying she had subsisted for 22 days on berries and vegetables from gardens in the area. She was taken back to the sanatorium.—Associated Press.

## Close Anglo-French Co-operation In Europe Foreseen

Paris, Sept. 28.—The active French co-operation with Britain and the United States in organising Western Europe, particularly in Western Germany, is likely to move a step forward at the end of the year if the four-power conference, due to be held in London in November, fails to end in an agreement on Germany's future status.

Official French spokesmen have, during this weekend, denied that there is any change in French foreign policy and this is technically true.

France stands for a solution of the German problem by agreement between the Big Four and for certain minimum conditions of security for herself as far as Germany is concerned.

But under pressure of events and the widening gulf between the East and the West, France's policy of standing in the middle is rapidly undergoing a change behind the scenes, if not on the public platform.

If the November meeting of the Big Four results in failure and the Anglo-Americans decide, for example, to organise a peacetime basis of relations with Western Germany independently of the Russians, France, it is generally recognised here, will have little choice but to join in with the West.

### TWO PROBLEMS

But joining in with the West will raise two kinds of problems for her: one at home and one in her relations with the United States and Britain.

If she agrees to link her zone with the Anglo-American bi-zone, the French Government will meet an increased opposition from the Communists.

The French Government could, perhaps, meet this if it has something to show in exchange.

The French Government, echoing the deepest sentiments of the vast majority of the French people, is asking for a cost-free agreement which will assure her rising portion of German coal as German coal production rises.

Also she is asking for the minimum of military security by a system of inter-allied control of German coal and steel production.

Although some progress on the coke question was made when American, British and French experts met several weeks ago in Berlin, the coal question still remains in suspense and the same is true of the control of German industry.

At French Government, which agreed to throw the French zone into the Western pool—thereby giving a visible pledge of having taken sides in the dispute between Russia and America—would be undermined by the Communist Opposition before very long, if, in exchange, it could not put to a substantial satisfaction in the coal and security questions.

Given these satisfactions, on the other hand it may be reasonably anticipated that zone fusion will become an established fact in a relatively short time.—Reuter.

### MERCER DENIAL

Lake Success, Sept. 28.—A spokesman for the French Foreign Minister, Mr. Georges Bidault, last night categorically denied a report emanating from London that France had signified her readiness to join Britain and the United States in a German zone merger.

The spokesman said that it was well known that the French Government had been considering the problem of zone fusion, but no decision of any kind had been taken.

### Schmelling Starts His "Come-Back"

Frankfurt, Sept. 28.—Max Schmelling, former world heavyweight champion and only boxer to knock out Joe Louis as a professional, celebrated his 42nd birthday today by making a successful "come back" to the ring after eight years' absence.

Watched by about 40,000 people, Schmelling, who scaled 12 stone eight pounds, knocked out Werner Vellmer, of Basel, in the seventh round of a scheduled ten-round contest in the Frankfurt stadium.

Schmelling, displaying his obvious ring mastery over his 20-year-old opponent, was never in danger throughout the fight. Vellmer, who weighed 12 stone five pounds, was knocked down seven times before the final count.

Violent left jabs and a lethal right cross closed Vellmer's right eye and reduced his face to a bloodied mess by the end of the third round.

Schmelling, in good condition and appearing quite fresh, chased his

man round the ring. Adopting his old tactics of following a left jab with a hard right, Schmelling sent Vellmer crashing to the floor five times before sending him down for the full count.

This convincing victory puts Schmelling into line for a fight with the winner of the German championship bout next month between Walter Neusel or Hein Tan Hoff.—Reuter.

### TENNIS RESULTS

Los Angeles, Sept. 28.—Jack Kramer, Wimbledon and American champion, defends his Pacific Southwest lawn tennis singles title here today against his Davis Cup partner, Ted Schroeder.

These two players also contested the final last year.

In the semi-finals Schroeder beat the "dark horse," Richard Gonzales, of Los Angeles, by 6-3, 6-3, 6-3.

Kramer beat William Talbert 6-4, 6-7, 6-4.

Mrs. Patricia Todd, holder of the French singles title, meets Miss

M. Bidault will go to the Foreign Ministers' Conference prepared to hear the British and United States views on the subject, particularly on the financial aspects of the merger plan and the French Government will afterwards take a considered decision.—Reuter.

### CHURCHILL'S MOVEMENT

London, Sept. 28.—Mr. Winston Churchill's United Europe Movement, in a statement today, welcomed the programme of economic action proposed by the 16-nations Conference on the Marshall offer held in Paris last week.

The statement, signed by Mr. Winston Churchill, the Chairman of the Movement's British Committee, M. Edouard Herriot, Chairman of the French Committee, and Mr. Paul Van Zeeland, Chairman of the European Economic League, said that the plan "directs Europe along the only possible road to recovery."

It added: "It will, we trust, be regarded not simply as a means of obtaining temporary American aid, but rather as the first step in the unfolding of a much bolder plan for a progressive and enduring integration of the life and resources of our great continent."

"A permanent international machinery should be set up, not only to carry out measures of co-operation already approved, but to extend and develop them at every opportunity."

"Only by an effective unity can we avert the rapid deterioration in the standard of living of all European peoples and check the mounting danger of war."

"If, as a result of General Marshall's historic initiative, a foundation can be laid for the lasting collaboration of these 16 nations, we shall have made a notable advance towards the realisation of a united Europe."—Reuter.

### Attlee Upsets The Motorists

London, Sept. 28.—A plan to collect a million signatures to petition King George to dissolve Parliament so that Mr. Attlee's Labour Government may be "replaced by businessmen" was announced to a meeting of British motorists in London's Trafalgar Square today.

Motorists in Britain are incensed by the decision of the Government to cut the petrol ration for pleasure motoring from next Tuesday as one of the measures to reduce dollar expenditure.

Outlining his plan to unseat Mr. Attlee, Mr. W. H. B. Quilliam, a motorist dealer of Twickenham, a London suburb, who organised the meeting, said that the Government was trying to run the country without business experience and that was the cause of their failure.

A resolution protesting against the "bad administration of the country's affairs" and demanding "a general election was declared carried without opposition."—Reuter.

### To Ride For King

London, Sept. 28.—W. K. Carr will again ride the King's Newmarket trained horses next season. He has been retained as first jockey to Captain Boyd-Rochford's Freemason Lodge stables.

Carr has been in fine form this season and has ridden 79 winners.—Reuter.

### SPORTS VISITS IN DANGER

The Hague, Sept. 28.—The Dutch Government today advised sports clubs that visits to Holland by British sports clubs should be cancelled because of the "grave danger of infantile paralysis."

A circular sent to the clubs stated that the Government was no longer helping Dutch clubs to send teams to Britain.—Reuter.



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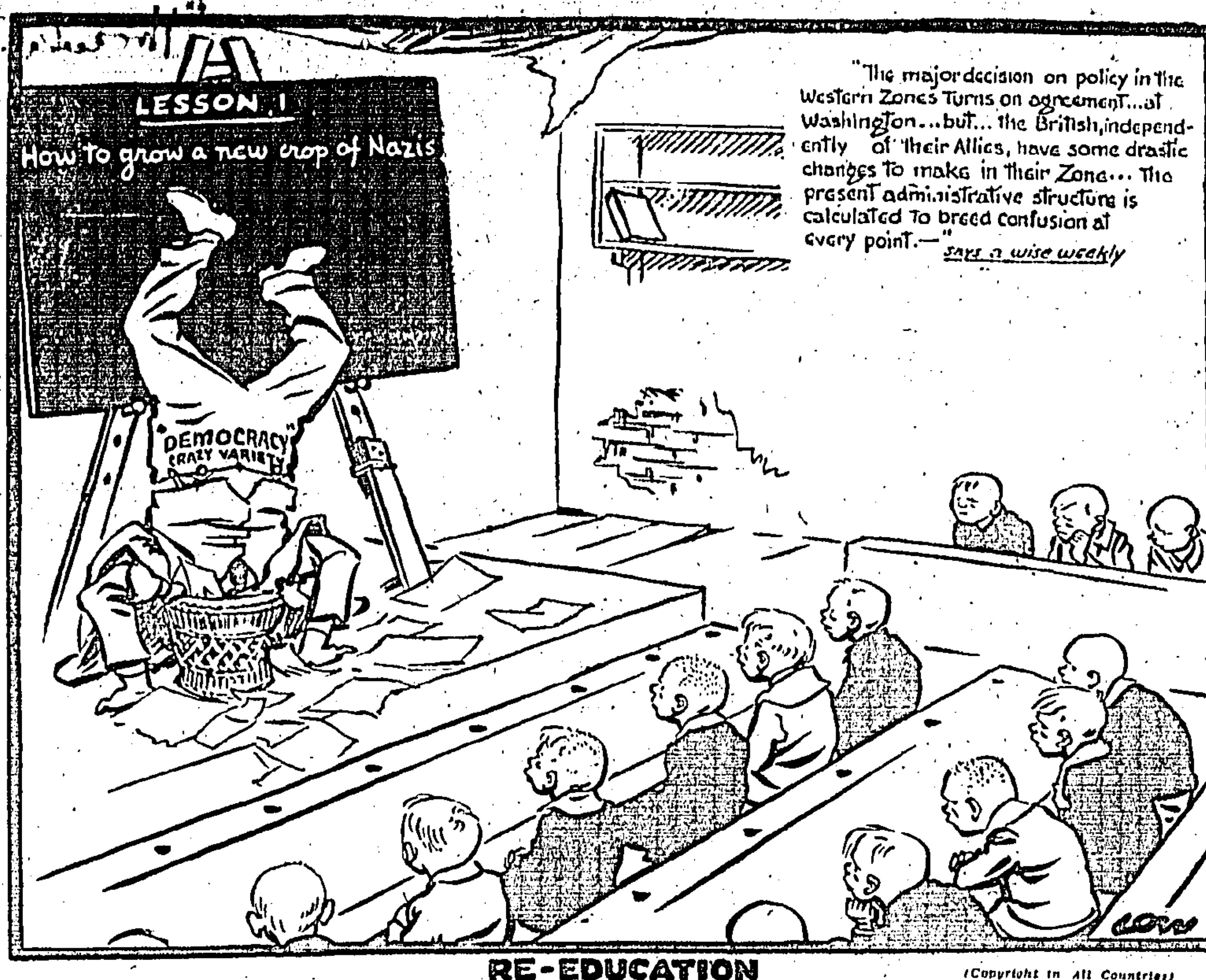
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**"FOUR FEATHERS"**



Edward V. Roberts, of the United Press London Bureau, spent the last five weeks in Bulgaria covering the trial of Nikola Petkov, Bulgarian Opposition leader who was executed last week, and the diplomatic repercussions which followed the trial. In the following dispatch he describes the circumstances and gives his personal conclusions as to why the death of Petkov should be of interest and importance.

## PETKOV—MARTYR OF BULGARIA

By EDWARD V. ROBERTS

NIKOLA Petkov, tough little man who believed the United States would save the world for democracy, died on the scaffold in the Central Prison of Sofia, capital of Bulgaria, last week.

In some ways he was a casualty in the struggle between the United States and Soviet Russia.

He was convicted of plotting to overthrow the Russian-sponsored Communist Government of Bulgaria with the aid of "foreign" troops.

The indictment did not specify, but it was pretty clear it meant American and/or British troops. That might sound ridiculous to Americans or British people, but Bulgarian Communists who wanted to get rid of Petkov regarded it seriously.

British and American lawyers said the indictment would have been laughed out of court in the Western world. It was vague, they said, largely couched in the language of Moscow Radio—a political harangue rather than a legal charge.

Petkov was tried before three Communist judges in a Sofia district court. It was a stately chamber, and behind the judges there was a huge mosaic of the blindfolded Goddess of Justice, scales in one hand and a sword in the other.

There were four co-defendants who pleaded guilty. One after

tousled grey hair and all nose and chin. He trembled visibly.

Next day the Government-controlled Sofia newspapers said: "Petkov trembled in the knowledge of his guilt."

He said he was not guilty and that his co-defendants were either complete strangers to him or mere acquaintances.

His voice did not tremble. It was the same loud, steady voice that had been heard in Parliament when he called Communist leaders "traitors to Bulgarian democracy," and when he said "there is no freedom left in Bulgaria."

The court conformed completely to Bulgarian legal standards throughout the trial. Petkov was permitted to speak at length, and was allowed counsel and many witnesses. He was, however, refused certain witnesses that he said were vital to his defence.

I was the only American correspondent in Sofia for the whole period of the trial. Although American and British political representatives were refused admission, I was given a pass and provided with interpreters by the Bulgarian Ministry of Information.

Some of these interpreters bogged down at various points during the trial, and I was told some of them came not from the Ministry of Information but from military intelligence. I could not confirm this.

The United States and Britain branded the Petkov trial as a frame-up, and demanded that it be reviewed by the Allied Control Council. However, under the armistice terms, Russia ran the A.C.C. in Bulgaria. The Russians ruled that the Petkov trial was an "internal affair"

another they told the court they had been involved in a conspiracy with Petkov to overthrow the Government by force. The four received gaoi sentences.

I first saw Petkov when he walked into the dock. He was chalk-white in the face, with

and that any A.C.C. intervention would violate Bulgaria's sovereign rights.

American and British diplomats did not believe the Communists would dare execute Petkov. They looked for some last-minute face-saving gesture, such as the outlawing of capital punishment.

Petkov was warned long before his trial that the Communists would

But Petkov was tough. He wouldn't scare and he wouldn't shut up.

I don't believe there will be any more Nikola Petkovs in Bulgaria—not for a long time.

His Party has been outlawed, and in Sobranie now no voice is raised against the Fatherland Front directed by Georgi Dimitrov, who is regarded by many as the world's No. 2 Communist.

If, at some unforeseeable time in the future, Bulgaria risks herself of Communism, Nikola Petkov will probably become a national hero who died a martyr's death.

On the broad yellow brick main street of Sofia there is a simple granite monument to his father, Premier Dimitar Petkov, shot down by political assassins in 1908.

In one of the spacious tree-lined squares in the centre of the town I was shown the spot where his brother, also an Opposition leader, was shot down in 1923.

Nikola Petkov today joined his father and brother in history.

## BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

**BUSINESS** at a London cafeteria had to be suspended the other day when food supplies ran out.

Taking the **HELP YOURSELF** notice in its strict literal sense, 57 Continental visitors rushed the counters and loaded up their trays with meat pies, Welsh rarebits, baked beans on toast, cauliflower cheese, savoury rissoles, chopped potatoes, stewed rhubarb, jelly and custard, baked jam roll, apple turnover, bath buns, and everything else they could get their hands on. Then, without paying, they sat down and ate the lot.

Later their leader said: "But your English ration, they are magnificent! In our country we only get half as much."

**The limit**  
SOUTH-ON-SEA Entertainment Committee have passed a long resolution viewing with dismay the unpatriotic behaviour of those citizens who take their holidays on the French Riviera.

"National sabotage, that's what it is," declared the chairman, Alderman Hackle. "For their £75 we offer them free glimpses of the lighthouse, free paddling, free looking in shop

windows, and free sitting on the seawall. It's a pity nothing of reducing our donkey rides to two shillings, there and back.

"Can they get two-shilling donkey rides in Monte Carlo? Or ninepenny choc-ices at Cannes?" The secretary said he hardly thought so, but would write to both resorts and find out for certain.

As an additional attraction it was decided to install a second "Guess your Weight" machine on the pier. On the south side.

**Ask the headmaster**  
I OBSERVE in those quaint geometrical shapes called official circles a tendency to preach the dangerous doctrine that boys and girls go to school to be educated. As an example, Middlesex authorities refuse to spend money on providing Punch and Judy shows on the grounds that such entertainment is not educational. But is history education? Who, ten years after leaving school, can remember whether Ethelwulf came before Ethelred? Or why? Is geography educational? Name, if you can, the 41 counties of England. Name even 27 of them. Education? Bah! The main reason always why parents send their children off to school is to get rid of them.

## TEST TUBE CROPS

By RICHARD PALMER  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Miami, Fla.—Those frustrated fellows who tried to grow hair on a billiard ball could take a lesson from Dr. G. J. Gerson, a Miami optometrist, and his fellow hydroponists.

They are raising valuable farm crops on solid concrete.

The word "hydroponist" indicates that Gerson is one of the initiators in the new agricultural science of hydroponics. On one acre of concrete troughs, with the aid of test tubes, chemicals and an elementary knowledge of plumbing, he raised 18 times the crop that old-fashioned farmers managed to wrestle from a plot of soil the same size.

In lay language, hydroponics, which is sprouting in a heavy-weight contender in Florida's half-billion-dollar produce market, is known as "chemiculture" or "tank farming."

With chemicals measured precisely by delicate instruments, the hydroponist makes a liquid facsimile of mother earth—going her one better—and feeds the resulting milky liquid to plants embedded in cinders, sawdust or gravel, held in concrete troughs four by 100 feet, and slightly more than ankle high.

### RESULTS ASTOUNDING

The results are astounding. On Gerson's one-acre Miami tank farm, managed for him by an ex-G.I., cucumbers grow to maturity in just 90 days. At other hydroponic centres, tomatoes are ready for the table in 60 days, and other vegetables ripen in equally amazing "blitz seasons." All are superior in quality and bring better prices than earth-bred vegetables.

This agricultural miracle takes place three times a year on "farms" that bear a greater resemblance to the world jumble of machinery in a petroleum cracking plant than to the old homestead where Grandpa was born.

In a concrete block laboratory on Gerson's place (just a short bus ride from the garish night clubs of Miami Beach) white-coated technicians mix the life-giving chemicals painstakingly with delicate apothecary scales.

Outside, instead of mooring towers and windmills, one sees a double rank of the long concrete troughs surmounted by a maze of wires and pipes.

These are the "fields." Twice daily, at the turn of a cartwheel valve, the liquid feed courses along underground conduits and through the gravel in the troughs, bathing the roots of the plants.

### CUCUMBERS THRIVE

Gerson's favourite crop right now is cucumbers, a "burpless" variety by description. His preference for cukes is scientific—spelled with a S. Super-cucumbers, he says, are sold to the quality trade at premium prices.

Gerson says the risk in tank farming is small.

"There are no plant diseases to worry about," says the bespectacled optometrist, "and for another thing the sun shines here most of the year."

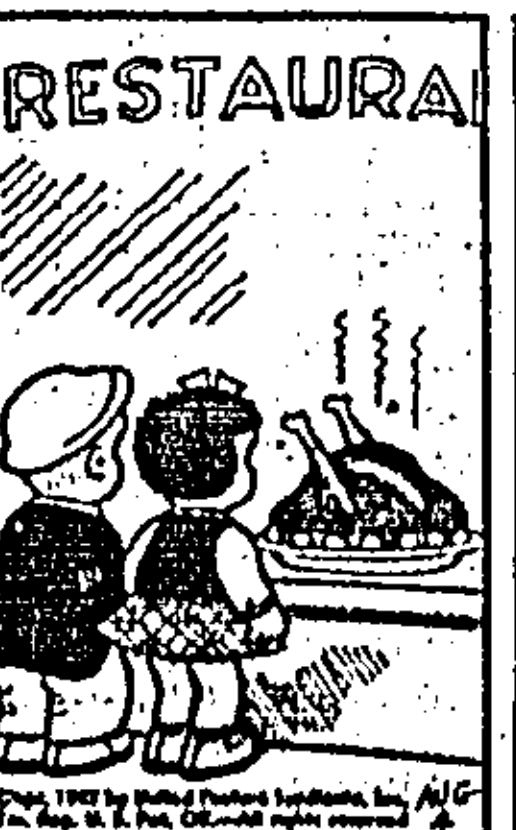
The rare times it doesn't, and the temperature drops dangerously close to freezing, Gerson acts promptly.

He puts on a jacket, then twists the valve controlling the deep well on his place. The water, warmed down in the earth to 73 degrees, mixes with the cold surface air on the way up. As it flows around the shivering plants, it forms a vapour that proves as efficient a warmer as a fur coat on a blonde.

Gerson started on hydroponics about the time of VE day when a friend, already interested in the field, suggested they team up, build the new-fangled farms and sell them to ex-servicemen.

Gerson is now a leader in the field and has been a wheel horse in the organisation of the first hydroponic growers' co-operative in history.

## NANCY The Inevitable End

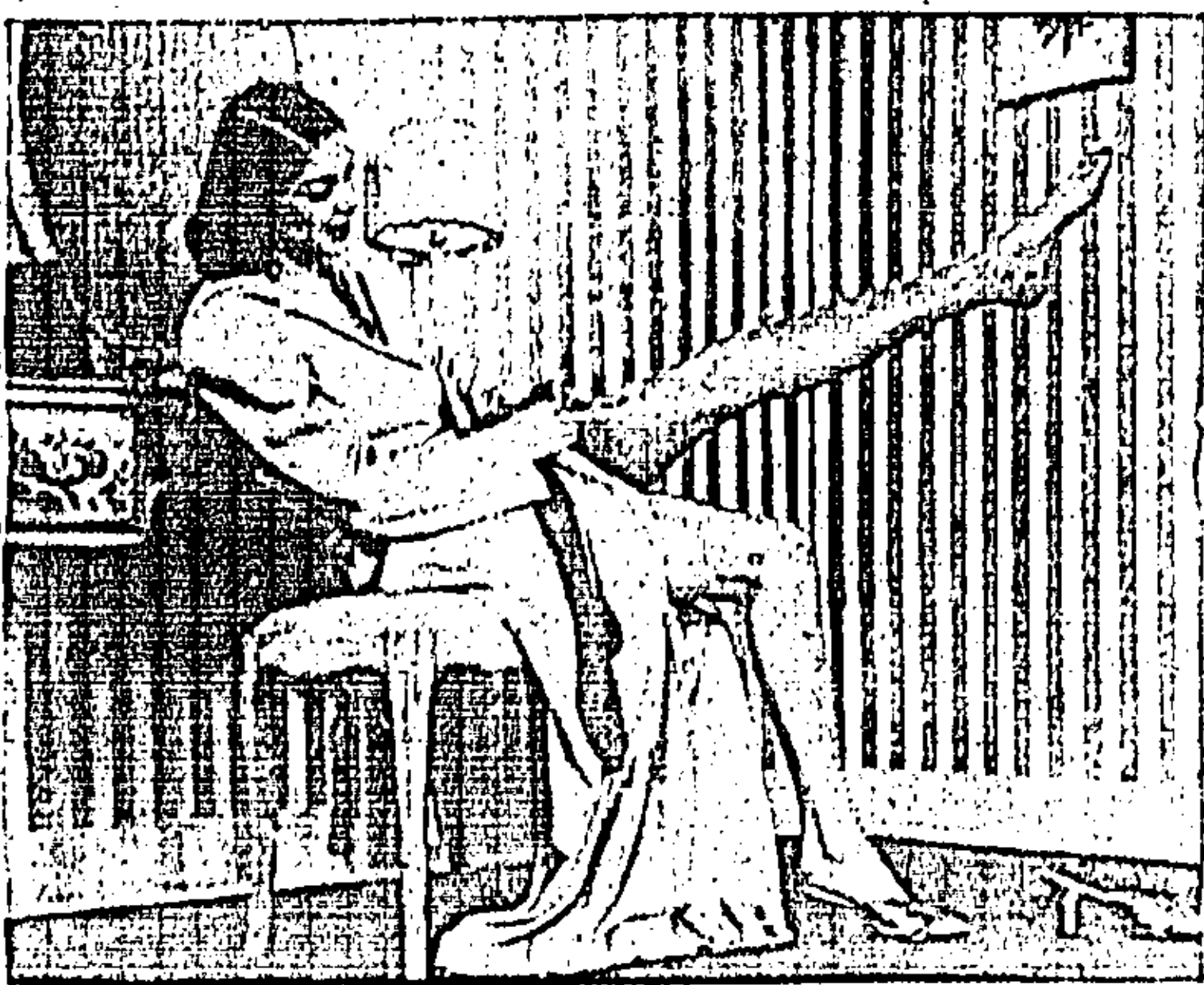


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"Dear Lois Leeds—I have long hair, it's red. I am sixteen years old. Would it be better to cut my hair short?"—R. R.

I see no reason for cutting it just because it is red. Be proud of your hair. Keep it gloriously clean and well brushed.

"Dear Lois Leeds—I have gray hair, I am thirty years old, with bright red cheeks. Please suggest necessary colour for a Gray suit."—MRS. X.

Silver jewellery and brown blouse, shoes and hat. Gray hat with brown veiling. Pins and fingertips to match your cheeks.

"Dear Lois Leeds—Does the sun brown one's hair? I have to spend hours in the sun. My hair is thin and dry."—NAY.

Yes, hair "sunbuns." Oil your hair daily, choose a good brand of

oil for dry hair. Comb and brush it through your hair and wear a wide, loosely woven straw hat.

"Dear Lois Leeds—Does it look old-fashioned to go without red nail polish, but have nails buffed to a brilliant finish?"—MRS. K. E.

Many well dressed, beautifully groomed women do not wear red nail polish, but have nails buffed to a brilliant finish.

### Zebra dress



Accent on stripes... the markings of the zebra seem to have inspired the striking effect of this pink and black formal gown. Off-the-shoulder dress features lovely assurance to the teen-ager entry at her first ball.

### Minute Makeup

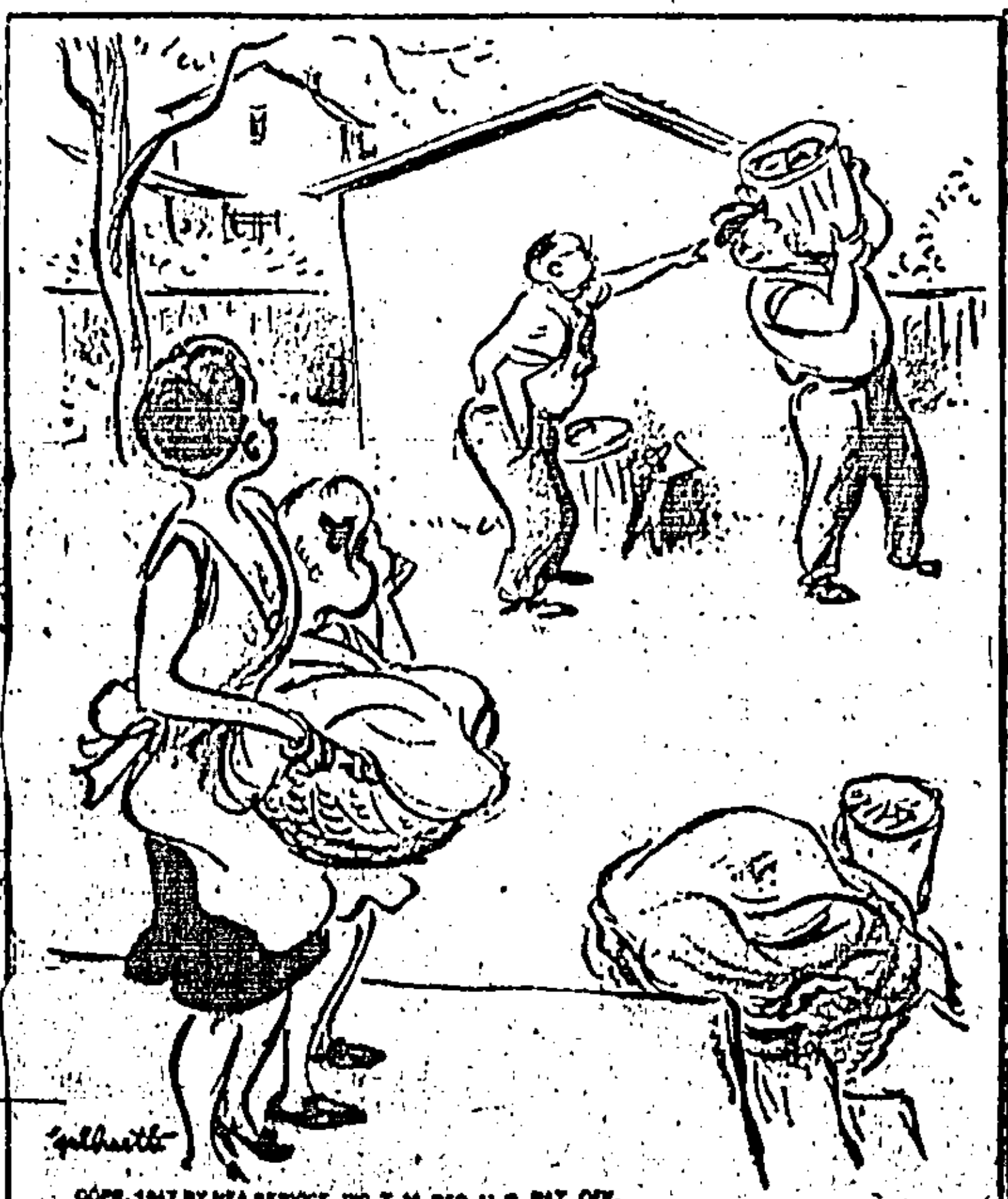
by GABRIELLE



Powder will cling ever so much better if you will take that extra Minute to blend on a powder base. Here's a nice "homemade" one for summer. Eight ounces of witch hazel, one-half teaspoonful of boracic acid, one-half teaspoonful of glycerine. Mix well. It's a cooler!

### SIDE GLANCES

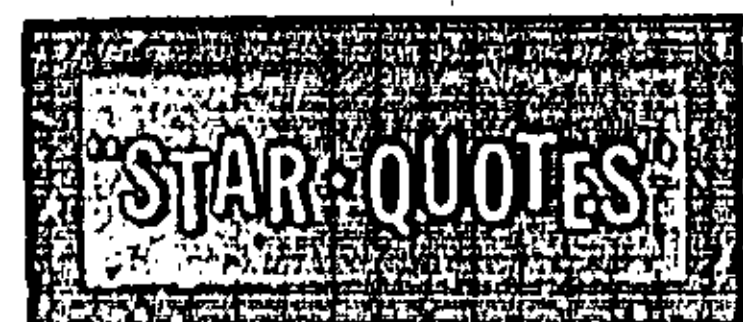
By Galbraith



"Oh, dear! Your father's fighting with the trash man again about his old hat. I throw away!"

## Re-education Of German Children Unsuccessful

The American Military Government has had little success in re-educating the German children in Berlin for democracy, partly because its programme has "not been dynamic enough" and because "we've been sickeningly penny-conscious."



### GARY COOPER

answers this question:

"Is it true that you never feel nervous or upset before or during the shooting of one of your big pictures and that you can close your eyes on the set and fall asleep whenever you want to?"



GARY COOPER

THAT has been said about me, I know. Well, don't you believe it. I personally and categorically deny the whole story. It's just another Hollywood canard.

Why, for two nights before this picture started, I didn't sleep a wink. Kept thinking about it, and worrying. It's always like that.

And I haven't stopped feeling yet. For the first week of a new picture I always feel like this. Just the other morning on the set of Cecil B. DeMille's "Unconquered," it happened right in the middle of a scene with Paulette Goddard. My nose started to itch. It got so bad I had to scratch, and it ruined the take.

### DeMille Also Itches

DeMille? No, he doesn't say anything. He always itches too. And he got me at lunch the other day that he can't sleep just before he starts a new picture either.

The only actor I ever knew who is actually more nervous than I am is Akim Tamiroff, the Russian, who acted with me in "The Sign of the Cross." Tamiroff has been known to get so nervous that he has the whole company jittery. Then he gets in and gives a beautiful performance.

But me, I keep my nervousness inside me. I may look calm, but most of the time I'm all churned up inside. I'm nervous right now. Nervous about the next scene. Sometimes when my nerves get the best of me I just have to find a quiet place on the set where I can sit down, shut my eyes and relax—until I get a grip on myself. Come to think of it, I do fall asleep that way—occasionally.

(Tomorrow—Barbara Stanwyck)

## SHOPPING IN STOCKHOLM

Shopping in Stockholm, Sweden, has become quite the fashion for some people in Moscow, especially Legation officials and foreign correspondents.

The distance between the two cities is some 750 miles as the crow flies—and the shoppers fly too, by way of Helsinki, where they change from Russian to Swedish planes. The trip takes about nine hours, with seven and a half hours in the air.

Latest prominent shopper was Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, U.N. delegate and Indian Minister in Moscow, who visited Stockholm to buy furniture and household furnishings for her Legation's eight-room house.

Her secretary, Mr. T. N. Kaul, said that it would take too long to get the furnishings from India, and prices were too high in Moscow.

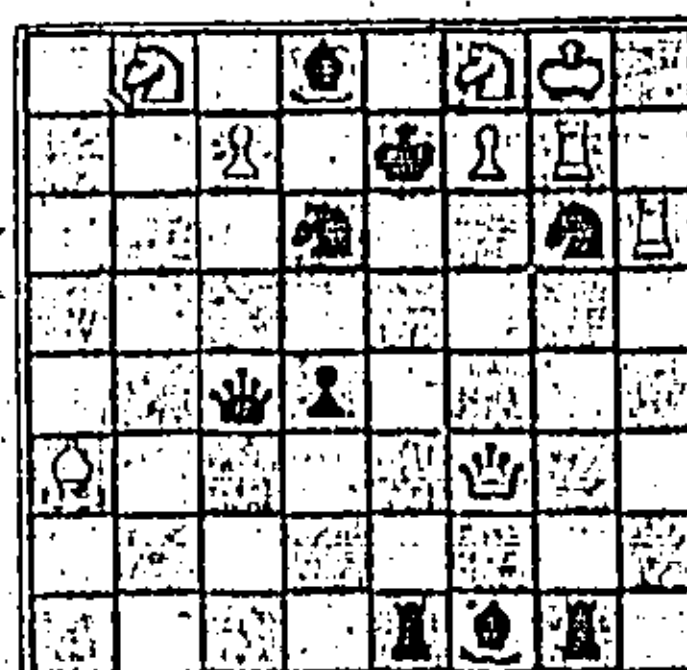
The Stockholm department store where Mrs. Pandit did her shopping said that the Indian Legation was the sixth Moscow mission to buy their furniture in Stockholm. The Netherlands, Australia, Canada, New Zealand and Uruguay had shown the way.

Now and then a correspondent drops in at Stockholm, on a shopping mission for all his colleagues in the Soviet capital.

The stores are full of wonderful merchandise from most countries in the world. "We cannot afford to buy it ourselves, but we keep it for foreigners," some Swedes say.—Associated Press.

### CHESS PROBLEM

By A. F. ARGUELLES  
Black, 9 pieces.



White, 9 pieces.  
White to play and mate in two.

Solution to Saturday's problem:  
1. Q-Q8. 1... K-B3; 2. B-K4. 1... R-B5; 2. B-K4.

That is the opinion of Paul F. Shafer, who recently terminated two years of service in Berlin as head of AMG's Education Branch for Berlin. He is returning to a post in the Glendale (California) public school system, which he left four years ago to serve with the army and military government.

Surveying Allied efforts to re-educate the German children, Shafer said in an interview: "None of the four occupying allies has succeeded too well. You can't impose democracy on a people. They have to learn it through living democratically. At the same time, the American Military Government hasn't had enough support from the people back home for the work it has been trying to do."

### Staff Inadequate

Shafer asserted that his staff had been constantly reduced and that materials—books, supplies, paper and other essentials—had never arrived in sufficient quantities.

"We spend billions in winning the war, but in re-educating the Germans towards peaceful ways we have been sickeningly penny-conscious," he said.

Contrary to the American economy, Shafer asserted the Russians in Berlin have spared little in money and materials in trying to put across their way of life to German youth.

"Still, they have made little headway because the attitude of the Germans has been anti-Russian," he said. "But what's going to happen in the long run may be another matter."

Shafer said that the U.S. Army had done a good job with its widely advertised German Youth Programme, which features neighbourhood sports and reading clubs, but he contended that this programme was insufficient in itself.

### German Youth

"In the place of every young GI in charge of a German Youth Club we should have a trained educator," he said. "There is no training in training the right kind of German youth leaders. Today's young Germans are disillusioned. They are interested in us, but we haven't been dynamic enough in supplying the desired information."

Shafer said that the four occupying countries had got along well in education, except on the major ground—ideological. He said that the Allies agreed on school lunches for the children, materials for rebuilding schools and such things. But when ideology was involved there was a split between the West and the Russians, with the result that history, for instance, cannot yet be taught in Berlin schools because the Western powers will not agree to a Marxist version.—Associated Press.

## No Red Threat In Australia

Brigadier Victor C. Secombe, engineer-in-chief of the Australian army, says his country has no Communist threat—"only the average number of disgruntled citizens."

Secombe, in America to inspect United States army engineering projects, said "Continued close relationship between the British Empire and the United States will block Communism at every turn. In my country, Russians are few and far between."

Australia is contemplating three large water conservation projects, and in this connection Secombe will visit several developments in the Mississippi Valley. This is his first trip to America.

"I'm fascinated by the vastness of America, and the hospitality and kindness of the people are very gratifying. The girls? Oh, they're terribly attractive," he added.—Associated Press.

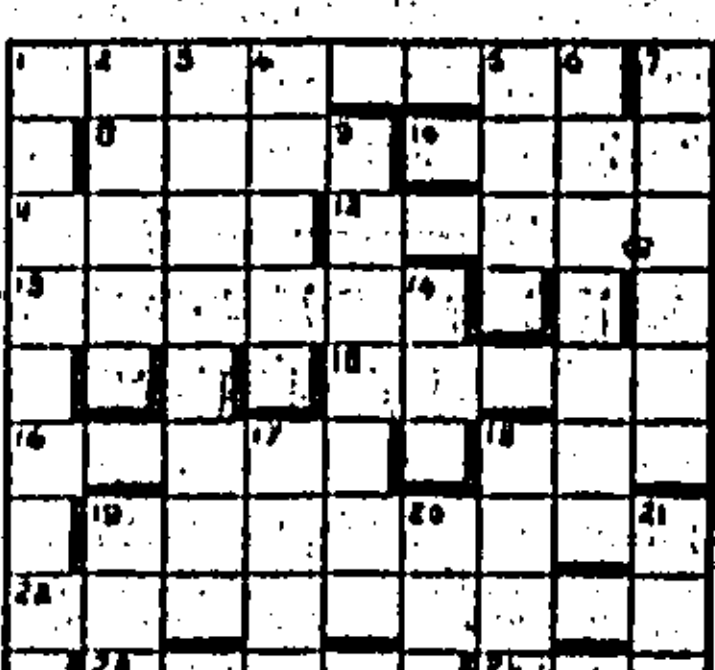
## Rupert and the Jumping Fish—31



The old sea serpent puts Rupert down gently, and the little bear hurries round the rocks to see the small stranger. "Why, it's the mermaid!" the cries. "I never imagined I was going to see you. What's the matter? Have you got a pain?" "Oh, Rupert, I am glad to see your whiskers the mermaid," but I'm afraid you can't do anything. No, I haven't got a pain, but I'm so weak. I can't move or swim. I think I must be just going to die. I've never felt anything like this before."

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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across:  
1. A grimy old (anagram). (9)  
2. Get a vain word to steer the ship. (5)  
3. The carcass of a whale with blubber removed. (8)  
4. Just an idiom alteration. (6)  
5. The place in Hinduism. (7)  
6. A deity in Hinduism. (7)  
7. Indicates that there is more. (5)  
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9. One of those extras. (4)  
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## McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

An Analysis During Play Saves A Slam

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

MOST of the bridge experts of the nation are making plans to travel to the Hotel St George in Brooklyn, N. Y., to compete in the summer session of the world and national championships tournament. In the past New York and Philadelphia were almost sure to carry away the honours, but this year I think winners will be from all parts of the country. Some of the new Life Masters will be on hand, among them: Charles Wallace Jr. of Cincinnati, O., Life Master No. 81.

Wallace got himself into a nice contract on today's hand. West won the opening lead with the ace of

Wallace	10762
▲ 79	▲ 103
▲ KQ874	▲ 754
▲ 93	▲ Q8872
▲ K1065	
54	W N
▲ J962	W S
▲ KJ108	W E
▲ AJ4	W Dealer
▲ AKQ83	▲ 10762
▲ A105	▲ 754
▲ A92	▲ Q8872
Tournament—Neither vul.	
South West North East	
1 Pass 2 Pass	
3 Pass 4 Pass	
4 Pass 4 N.T. Pass	
5 Pass 6 N.T. Pass	
Opening—40.	14

clubs and led back the jack, which Wallace (North) won with the king. He realized that if the heart suit broke, he would have five spade tricks, five hearts, the ace of diamonds and the king of clubs.

His first play was the jack of spades, then he led the nine of spades and went up with dummy's queen. When West followed, Wallace cashed the rest of the spade tricks.

West was forced to make three discards. His first was a high diamond, then he let go the eight of diamonds. On the fifth spade West discarded the four of clubs, and Wallace knew that he was protecting the heart suit.

So Wallace led the ace of hearts and then the ten-spot. When West refused to cover, he let it ride. Thus by correctly analysing the hand, Wallace was able to mark West for four hearts.

## Check Your Knowledge

1. What animal is esteemed to be the most sagacious and crafty of all beasts of prey?
  2. Was Japan ever seriously invaded by a foreign power before World War I?
  3. Name the author of "L'Allegro" and "I Penseiros."
  4. What does the palm tree symbolise?
  5. What islands were originally called Sandwich Islands?
  6. In what oceans is pearl fishing carried on most extensively?
- (Answers on Page 4)

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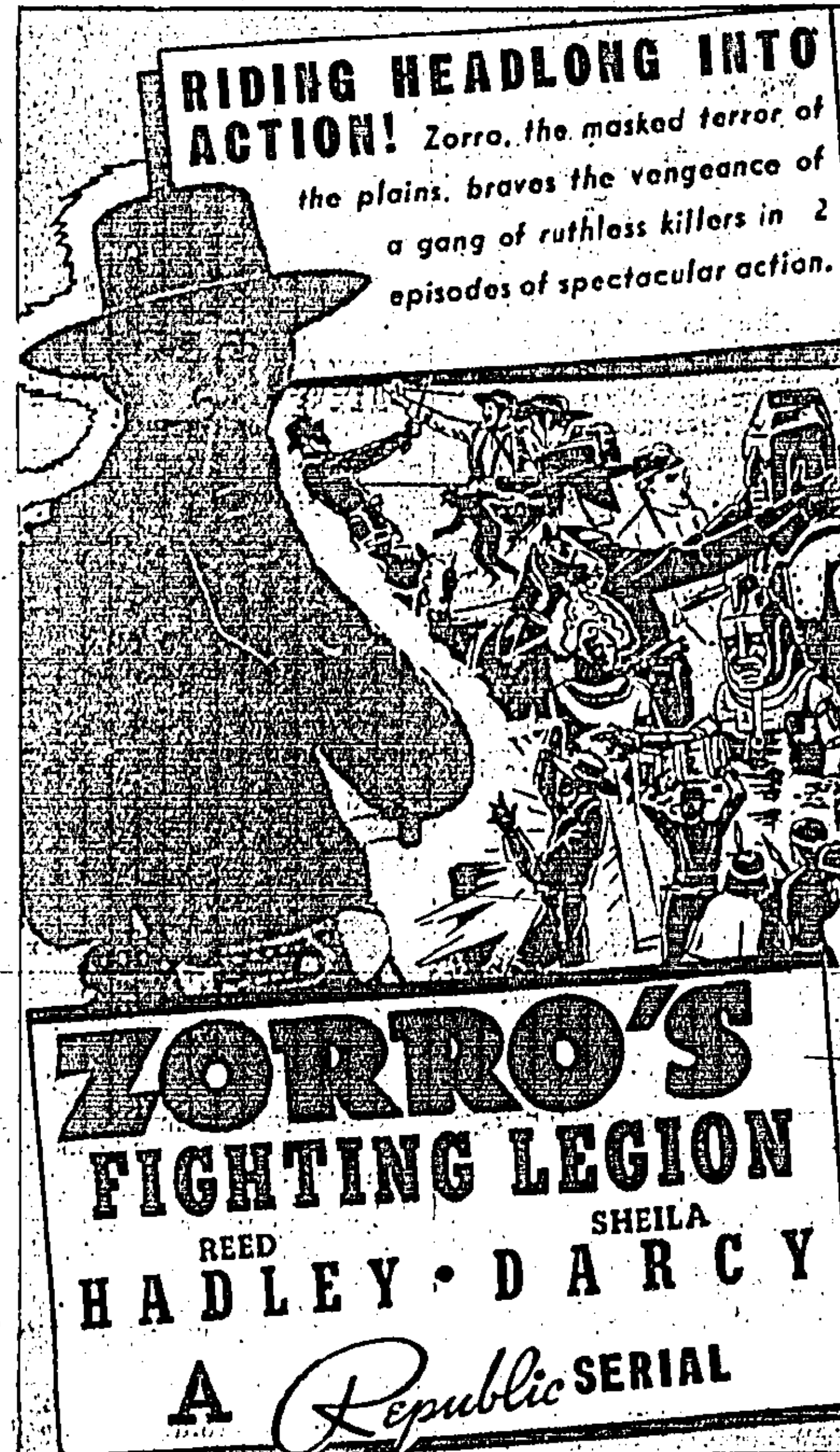
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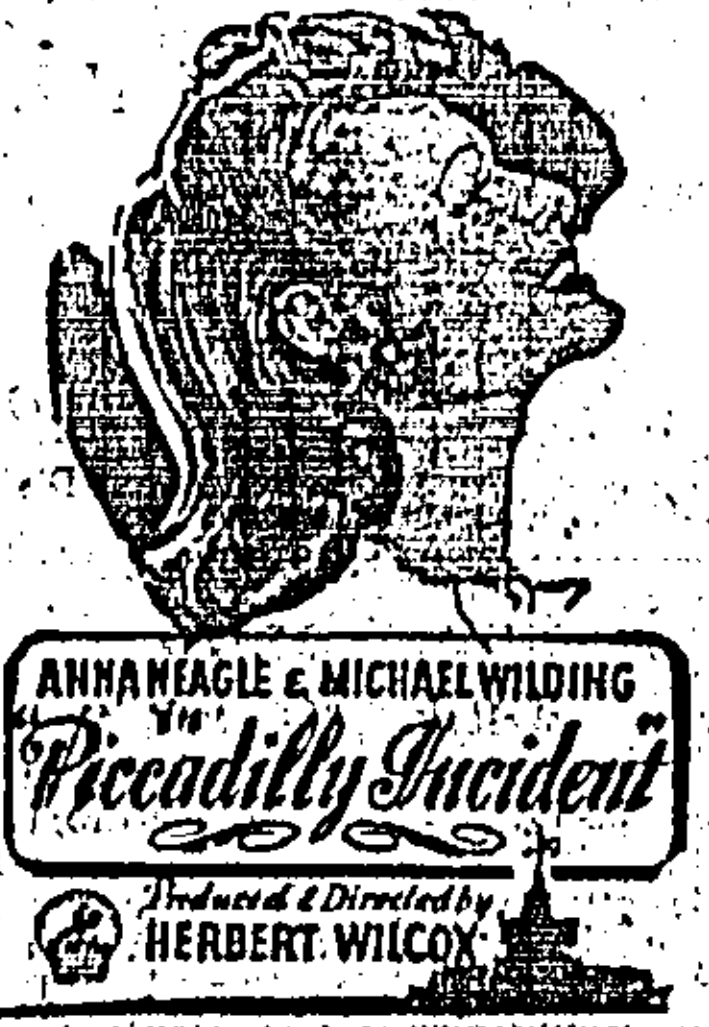
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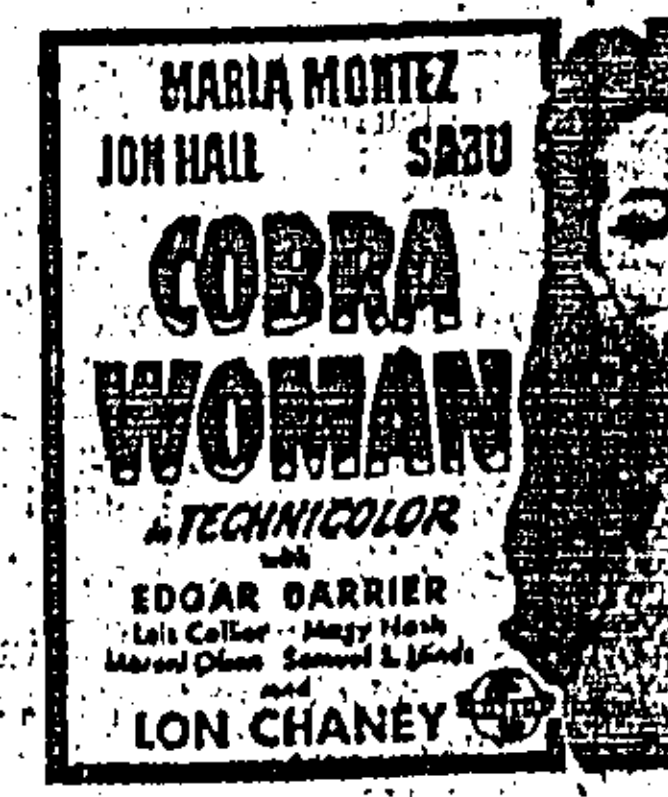
## Revolving Walls For Theatres

Theatres of the future may have revolving walls so each type of performance can be heard in a specially-walled audience chamber. When a soft musical number is to be shown on the screen, the theatre manager can press a button and the theatre walls will turn and present a wall of proper materials to the audience. The audience will have the best possible acoustics for the film's sound track.

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"The Bandit of Sherwood Forest"

The use of three-armed rotating cylinders to improve the acoustics of theatres and radio studios is the prediction of a University of California physicist, Dr. Vern O. Knudsen.



## Communists Routed Near Great Wall

Peiping, Sept. 29.—Chinese press reports said on Sunday that the Nationalists had routed Communist troops attacking Chihsi, a Peiping-Mukden railway town 85 miles northeast of the Great Wall, and inflicted heavy casualties in a drive against the Reds from Hsueh, newly captured former Red supply base about 28 miles west of Changchun.

The dispatches conceded that the Communists blew up and attacked a Nationalist armoured train on the railway about 33 miles southwest of the Great Wall and damaged six miles of tracks. The report declared the Reds, who have been assailing Chihsi for a week, were beaten in battle and were retreating to the northwest with Nationalist troops in pursuit.

The Central News Agency reported more than 6,000 Communist dead counted on the field after "sweeping warfare" by Nationalists based at Hsueh. As the drive was said to have started on the night of September 25 and the dispatch was dated September 26, the alleged losses would have been inflicted in the space of approximately one day. If anywhere near true, this claim would represent a sizable Nationalist victory, but carelessness with figures has been a common feature with Chinese war reports.—Associated Press.

## "IKE" MAY REVEAL HIS POLITICS

Washington, Sept. 28.—Political observers believe General Dwight Eisenhower will identify himself as a Republican shortly after he becomes President of Columbia University on January 1.

Gen. Eisenhower may not be planning such an announcement, but he surely will be able to avoid repeated inquiries about his politics, which his retirement from the Army will permit.

His friends are confident that if he announces his political affiliations he will say they are Republican. Those friends of his who want him in the White House will press hard for a declaration of his politics. Some of them are already claiming that Gen. Eisenhower is Republican.

Roy Roberts, of Kansas City, in particular, has been supporting the Eisenhower boom along with Alfred E. Brown, of London. Roberts wrote: "It is becoming generally accepted that General Eisenhower is a Republican, much as a professional soldier who has never cast his lot with any party can be anything. He could not say what he was in the Army because it would not put himself in politics, but his Kansas friends have no doubts where he would line up."—United Press.

## CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

### Answers

1. The Fox. 2. No. 3. John Milton. 4. Victory, rejoicing, immortality. 5. Hawaiian Islands. 6. Pacific and Indian Oceans.

### NOTICE

TENDERS are invited for the purchase of wooden frame buildings and office furniture and fittings situated at the CNRA Highway Transport Office in Chatham Road, Kowloon.

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A. S. COWAN,  
Acting Director,  
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122 Austin Road,  
Kowloon.

## Italians Fear Mob Violence

Rome, Sept. 28.—There are fears of a coup d'état and outbreaks of armed violence in the minds of large sections of the Italian people, particularly the middle classes.

## WAR GAMES JITTERS IN GERMANY

Frankfurt, Sept. 29.—United States Military Government sources said on Sunday that attempts were being made to persuade the Army to abandon its testing of air raid sirens in American zone cities because of German "jitters."

The tests were planned in conjunction with American troop exercises. The Army had broadcast that the Germans must halt all traffic and leave the streets when they heard the sirens—the same alarms that in wartime warned them Allied bombers were coming. Rumours spread quickly.

In Stuttgart, rejected broadcasts of the order touched off tales of an impending new war, a subject Germans often discuss. Both in Stuttgart and Frankfurt, many Germans were reported inspecting their cellars, packing emergency kits and spreading fabulous stories about the massing of troops.

An Army statement ascribed to Colonel George S. Eyster, published by the American-sponsored Deutsches Nachrichtenbüro, that the Germans were to "go into their air raid bunkers" on hearing the sirens. It said the drill was "designed to prepare troops for a serious emergency."

Military Government authorities pointed out that nearly all air raid bunkers in Germany had been demolished in the demilitarization programme. Headquarters then issued a substitute statement simply ordering Germans to quit the streets at the alarm.

The first announcement of the scheduled test was broadcast by the Stuttgart radio on Friday. The broadcast told the Germans that "there was no reason for disturbance."—Associated Press.

## INQUIRY INTO INDIA RIOTS

New Delhi, Sept. 28.—The Prime Minister, Mr. Attlee, after first refusing to interfere, finally agreed to pass on to the Dominion of India the Pakistan Government's suggestion for an impartial inquiry into the causes of the sub-continent's tragic blood orgy, and the United Press learned today that the Indian Government would consider the proposal tomorrow.

General reaction to the Pakistan suggestion seemed favourable. Political sources thought it would be easy to establish who started the slaughter in most instances, how it spread and why West Punjab atrocities were on a greater scale than those in the East Punjab, where the Indian Government took strict measures against unruly mobs.

In contrast, the West Punjab Government was said in some quarters to be "not functioning as far as law and order are concerned." It was understood a Pakistan statement sent to Mr. Attlee contained a long appraisal of the Indian situation. It dealt particularly with the riots in East Punjab and the influx of refugees into Delhi. The communication was also understood to have contained the exchange of communications between the Indian Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, and the Pakistan Prime Minister, Liaquat Ali Khan, on the subject.—United Press.

## FAMOUS PHYSICIST CRITICALLY ILL

Berlin, Sept. 28.—Professor Max Planck, 86, recognised as one of the world's greatest physicists, was reported today to be critically ill at a hospital in Goettingen, in the American zone of Germany, the news agency ADN reported.

Prof Planck won the Nobel prize in 1926.—United Press.

## Commonwealth Gold Bank Reports

Cape Town, Sept. 28.—There was no confirmation in authoritative quarters here today of a report from Johannesburg, published in the New York Post, that South Africa had proposed a plan for the British Commonwealth Gold Bank to help solve Britain's dollar shortage. New York Post, provided for the British Commonwealth Gold Bank to issue a new Empire-wide currency, backed not only by the gold being produced within the Commonwealth but by unused gold reserves now measurable by geologic methods.—Reuter.

### Princess Dies

Zurich, Sept. 28.—Princess Elsa of Liechtenstein died from a heart attack at Lake Vitznau, near Lucerne, today.

The Princess, who was 72, was the wife of Prince Franz, former reigning Prince of Liechtenstein, who died in 1938.—Reuter.

With enormous stores of arms and ammunition hidden in all parts of the country, both the extreme right and the extreme Left would not, it is thought, hesitate to use force should either of them think that is the best means of attaining their ends.

In an interview with Reuter's, Signor Pietro Nenni, leader of the Fusionist Socialists, declared: "I do not believe that revolutionary movements can happen in Italy."

"In any case, it is not our intention to use such methods, and I think that in this I can also speak for the Communists."

"Russia, in my opinion, is not yet in a position to replace American aid to Italy," he continued.

"It will only be after several years that the Russian market can be of material use to Italy. For this reason, we Socialists have always considered it useful and necessary to have economic agreements with the United States."

"We want, however, a policy towards America that need not be a passive acceptance on our part of the world policy of the United States."

"At the same time, we want a policy as regards the Soviet Union and oriental countries with their vast trade possibilities which likewise is not a policy of Russia."

"I maintain that the country's political and economic crisis, apart from a bad harvest, is due principally to the breaking up of the Popular Front when de Gasperi formed his fourth Cabinet last June (the Socialists and the Communists were then excluded from the Government)."

"I believe that if there is to be a lessening of political and social struggles, the popular and Republican Government must be reconstituted."

"Only after the political elections next spring can Government by a single party be justified."

Signor Nenni added that having solved the constitutional problem with the advent of the Republic, they must now so reform the economic structure of the country as to adjust the social inequality which, in no other European country, is as acute as it is in Italy.—Reuter.

## Army Captain's Death Denied

Rome, Sept. 29.—Officials at the British Military hospital in Mestre on Sunday denied reports in the Italian press that Captain Victor King of the British Army had died there. The hospital refused to give further information.

The Italian press and the news agency Ansa said that King had died from two bullet wounds in the head.

Previously the Italian press identified King as the man for whom a British Army brain surgeon was flown to Italy early last week.

Two days ago British headquarters said that an Italian workman in Venice discovered a British officer lying in the hold of a horse behind San Giorgio Island, Venice, on September 22. The communiqué added that this man was taken to the British military hospital in Mestre.—Associated Press.

## Drugs Flown To Battle Cholera

London, Sept. 28.—Drugs to fight the cholera epidemics in Cairo and Karachi were being flown out by almost every British Overseas Airways Corporation plane leaving London for the East.

The transportation of these drugs—mostly sulfaquinolone for the treatment of cholera and cholera vaccines for immunisation—began yesterday.

Today's consignment, which included penicillin, went mainly to Cairo.

The British Embassy in Cairo announced tonight that three consignments of anti-cholera vaccine, sufficient to inoculate 500,000 people, will be flown from Britain to Egypt by the fastest aircraft on the Middle East air route to cope with the growing cholera plague in Egypt. The first consignment of 80,000 vaccines is expected in Cairo in the early hours of tomorrow. All three consignments are expected to reach Egypt by Tuesday.—Reuter.

## BRITISH ASSETS IN POLAND

Warsaw, Sept. 28.—A British Treasury delegation arrived today to open talks on payments for British holdings in properties nationalised by the Polish Government.

A British business mission which visited Poland last December estimated the value of the holdings at £15,000,000, invested chiefly in electrical, transport, textile and oil firms.

French and Swedish delegations are expected for similar discussions.—Reuter.



"Alfred makes productive use of each minute of the day. While you've just been wasting time, HE has already won two games of solitaire."

## Some Neutrals Hang On To German Assets

Geneva, Sept. 28.—Progress in the settlement of the problem of German assets in neutral countries has been so slow that responsible British and American authorities are considering the advisability of dumping the entire matter into the lap of the Inter-Allied Reparations Agency in Brussels, it was learned today.

Since the end of the war, the British, French and the United States Governments have tried to negotiate settlements with the Portuguese, Spanish, Swedish, and Swiss Governments, designed to get German assets and German loot in these countries liquidated, and the proceeds made available for reparations and the resettlement of refugees.

In this capacity, the three Governments have acted as trustees for all Allied Governments entitled to share in German overseas assets under the Potsdam Agreement.

Substantial results have been achieved. Switzerland gave up about \$80,000,000 worth of gold which was provided to have been looted by the Germans from Belgium.

Some Dutch gold has been traced to Switzerland too, but the Swiss Government has not been asked for it yet. However, the Swiss have acted promptly as soon as gold has been proved to have been looted.

### Sweden's Claim

Sweden claims that the Allies have nothing to say about German assets, but is liquidating those assets on her own. The Swedes gave 50,000,000 kroners to the International Refugee Organisation, and have placed 150,000,000 kroners at the disposal of the three Governments which the recipients regard as their share in the reparations allocation.

A special United States-British mission is due to arrive in Stockholm today to discuss with the Swedish Government whether they will allocate another 75,000,000 kroners that it has agreed to contribute to Europe (the Swedish Government insists that the amounts are independent of German assets), according to the Inter-Allied Reparations Agency.

The Swedish authorities want to give it mostly to Norway and Denmark to whom they loaned money as part cancellation of these countries' debts.

Portugal has £10,000,000 gold that the Allies say they can identify bar by bar as looted mostly from the Netherlands, but up to the present, Portugal has not yet given any of it.

Apart from gold, the German assets in neutral countries are pretty much untouched by the Allies.

### Americans Tired

Spain has taken over the property of the German state and state agencies. Sweden is eliminating German ownership slowly, but huge amounts of assets of various kinds in Switzerland, Portugal and Spain still belong to Germans. In all these countries there is some kind of blocking control, at least nominally.

The Swiss have agreed to liquidate these German assets, but the execution of an agreement has been stalled for more than a year already.

The Americans in particular are getting tired of being the goats of endless fruitless haggling with neutrals over this money which is for the benefit largely of other Allied Governments.

The Americans are beginning to think that perhaps it would help to speed things up by letting all the 18 members of the Inter-Allied Reparations Agency depend on the neutrals demanding action.

Observers closely associated with the programme concede that this would be a confession of failure. They point out, however, that as the Allies have neither international law nor precedent on their side in bargaining with the neutrals, the only way to get the neutrals to go along with their plans is to apply economic sanctions or by persistent moral pressure.

The United States, these observers point out, is the only country in a position to use economic sanctions and, having rejected that policy immediately after the war when it might have worked, no officials connected with the programme, least of all neutrals, expect the United States to start "going tough"—Reuter.

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## Albanian Spy Trial Sentences

Tirana, Sept. 28.—The People's Court today sentenced 16 Albanians to death and eight others were given prison sentences ranging from 15 years to life after conviction on charges of espionage for the United States.

Four defendants were sentenced to life imprisonment, three to 20 years and one to 15 years. The court did not set a date for the executions but prescribed that three of the guilty men be hanged and the remainder shot.

The prosecution alleged that the defendants—which included Opposition members in the Albanian Parliament—were all in the pay of the United States mission which departed from Albania last year. They were also alleged to be engaged in spy work for Britain. In the indictment the prosecution charged all 24 helped in a plot whereby the "Anglo-Americans" intended to overthrow the people's authority in Albania as they had realised it did not serve their imperialist designs.

The U.S. State Department had officially denied the charges. The long drawn-out trial began last September.—United Press.

## OUTWARD MAIL

The Christmas Parcel Mail for Great Britain will close at the General Post Office at noon on 1st October, 1947 and at Kowloon Central Post Office at 11.30 a.m. on October 1, 1947. This Mail is expected to arrive at United Kingdom early December, 1947.

Unless otherwise stated, registered articles and parcels close 30 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. Mail close before 10 a.m. registered and parcels will close at 5 p.m. on previous day.

Tuesday, September 30  
Canton (Trains) 7.15 a.m.  
Macao (Trains) 7.15 a.m.  
Manila (Air) 9.30 a.m.  
Manila (Sea) 10 a.m.  
Bangkok (Sea) 10 a.m.  
Straits & Hongkong (Sea) Noon.  
Swatow (Sea) Noon.  
Shanghai (Sea) 2 p.m.  
Manila, Ceylon & India (Sea) 3 p.m.  
Sundakar (Sea) 3 p.m.  
Macao (Trains) 3.30 p.m.  
Canton (Trains) 2 p.m.  
Hongkong (Trains) 2 p.m.  
Bangkok, Calcutta, Karachi, Basra, Cairo (Nairobi, Johannesburg, Marseilles via Cairo) (Air) 3.30 p.m.

## TO-DAY'S BROADCAST

From the Studio from 1.30-2 p.m. the popular articles from the current C.S.E. Show will give a concert of some of their favourites. This show is produced and directed by F.L.T. Arlen and among the artists are David Pertion (Vocal) and Kenneth Williams (Impersonations) and Leo Conliche at the Piano.

At 9.30 p.m. from the Studio is a Special programme for "The Moon Festival" by Harry Ore the well-known and brilliant pianist. He will include two of his own compositions transferred from Cantonese:

1.30, Studio: "At Your Service". Excerpts from the Current C.S.E. Show. Produced & Directed by F.L.T. Arlen. 2. Close down.  
6.30, Favourites from the Film: 7. Hail Lorenzo at the Piano. 8. Hail Harry Horlick and His Orchestra: 7.30, Studio: "I Like What I Like" Presented by Harry Horlick and His Orchestra: 7.30, World News: 8.10, London Relay: Home News from Britain: 8.15, London Symphonic Orchestra: 8.45, "The Transcription Service": "Call yourself a Detective": 9.10, "Dreamland Special": 9.30, Studio: "The Piano" by Harry Ore. Special programme for "The Moon Festival": 10, London Relay: News: 10.10, Weather Report: 10.15, Something for Everybody—Music for all Tastes: 11, Close down.

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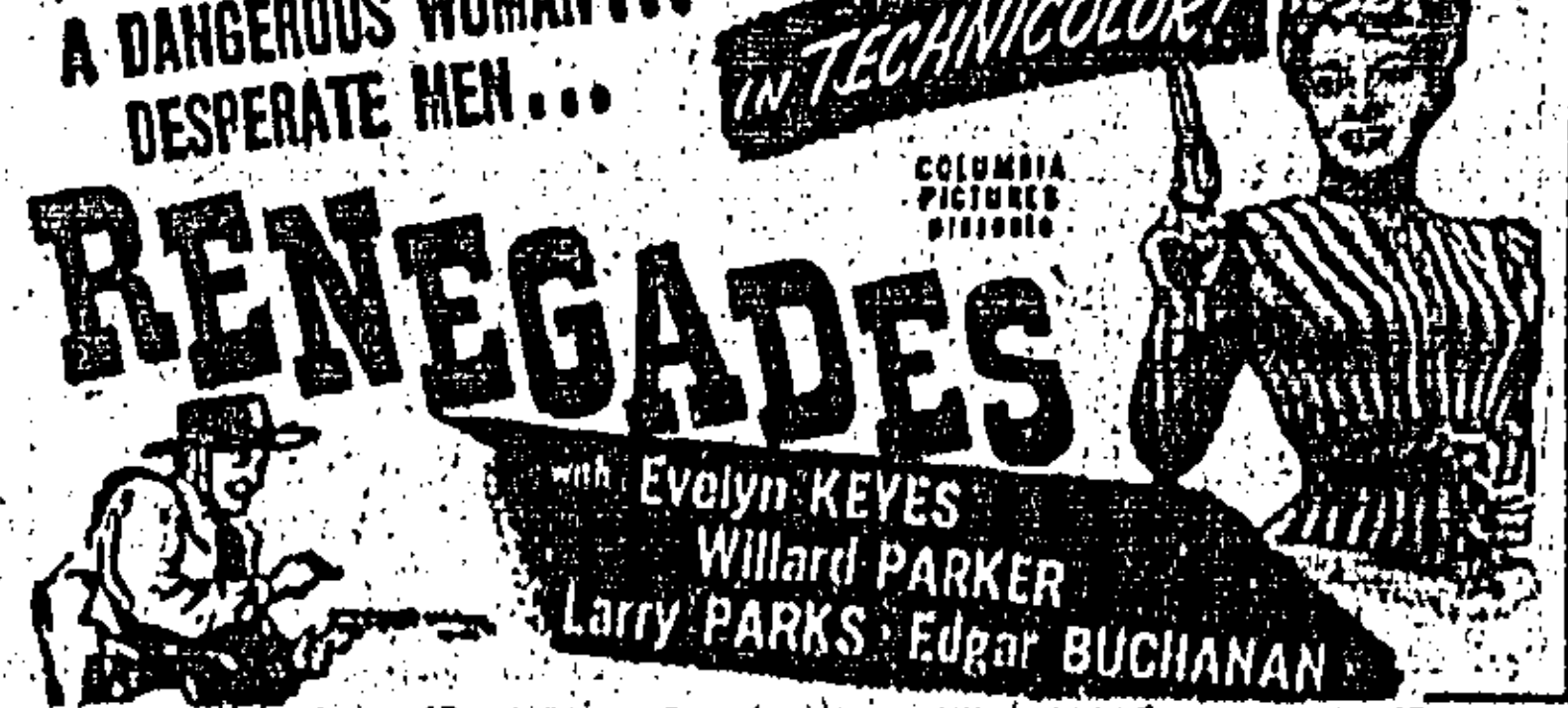
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